

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a connection oriented mode communication system,
a communication connection is established as an
5 alternative connection substitutive for a currently
working communication connection so that the alternative
connection connects the couple of node apparatus
connected through the currently working communication
connection to each other by way of a route physically
10 different from that of the currently working
communication connection. According to the above
arrangement, it becomes possible to carry out maintenance,
moving of facility or the like of a network including
the currently working connection without interrupting
15 the service which is provided through the currently
working connection.